Against.

1	Dr. A. G. Menon	2	Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar
3	Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon	4	,, K. S. Rama Ayyar
5	,, K. Raman Menon	6	Dr. A. R. Menon
		7	Mr. A. B. Salem

Neutrals.

1	Mr. C. Achyuta Menon	10	Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja
2	,, K. Achyuta Menon	11	Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai
3	,, V. K. Aravindaksha Menon	12	Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar
4	,, K. Govinda Menon	13	,, M. K. Raman
5	,, K. P. Karuppan	14	,, I. Raman Menon
6	Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar	15	,, Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur
7	Mr. S. S. Koder	16	,, V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar
8	,, T. K. Krishna Menon	17	,, A. K. Vengu Ayyar
9	,, K. Krishna Pisharoti	18	Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese

II. Representation of depressed classes in Village Panchayats.

Deputy President.—Next resolution stands in the name of Mr. K. T. Mathew who is absent. So it is considered as withdrawn.

The following resolution of Mr. K. T. Mathew, and the amendment of Mr. C. A. Ouseph to insert '25' instead of '50' were considered withdrawn since Mr. K. T. Mathew was absent:—

"This council recommends that in all Village Panchayats at least 50 per cent of the nominated seats be reserved for the so called depressed classes".

III. Pension of copyists retired and now in serviee.

Deputy President.—Next resolution is Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar's.

Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar.—Sir the resolution that I rise to move before the House runs as follows:—

(1) "A proportionate pension be given to those copyists who had retired from service without pension since 1087 and who are still living from the date of their retirement, failing which from the date of the passing of this resolution, and

(2) "A proportionate pension be also given to those non-pensionable copyists now in service, from the date of their retirement."

In moving this resolution I do not intend to say much. It is a plea for pension for a handful of people who were at one time placed under a disadvantage, viz., in the year 1087 when the copyist establishment was made permanent. I draw the attention of the House to my questions and the answers given by the Government yesterday morning. There you will find that the number that have retired without pension is 18 and that 7 have yet to retire on the same conditions. There you will also find how they got into the trouble. In the answer to question No. 91, there is reference to an undertaking given by most of these

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people. "Most of those copyists had also given an undertaking not to claim pension or gratuity in case they were allowed to remain in service till the age of 55". There were certain circumstances in which these poor people were placed at the time and it must be remembered that they gave the undertaking under the circumstances. I would, therefore, advise the Government not to make much of this undertaking. Their number is small. Several of those who have already retired are very old. I don't know exactly how many of them have died since their retirement and how many are living now. There are only seven more waiting to retire. So, after all, the cost to the Government will not be much. They have served the Government and did useful work. And the prayer made in the resolution is a very modest request. I am led to believe that the Government are sympathetically disposed; for I see they have set about collecting information. Please see answers to questions 92 and 95. I understand that the Judges are also sympathetically disposed. And I feel almost sure that they will be helped. I, therefore, ask the House to support the resolution and help in the rectification of this small matter.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I shall say a few words in support of the resolution. No words are necessary to commend such a resolution for the acceptance of our benign and kind Government. I am sure that the request for pension for a handful of the Government servants who are and were placed at a disadvantage from the Members of the Legislative Council will be sympathetically viewed by the Government in the interest of their services and that the Government will be very pleased to accept this resolution.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The position of the Government is already made clear by their answer to question No. 97. The decision of the Government is already given.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The Government keep an open mind.

Deputy President.—No opposition?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—There is no opposition; they have an open mind.

Deputy President.—There is no necessity for a vote.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Is there any opposition?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—There is absolutely no opposition. Carried unanimously.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—On this matter about public servants, Government should have given us their views and not the Members. It is the Government that should give their opinion in the matter.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The matter was disposed of years ago. Government promises to consider very carefully and sympathetically the matter and there is no opposition.

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Dr. A. R. Menon.—When a resolution is brought forward before the Council, the Government should either accept it or oppose it. What is the fun of keeping silent? If you oppose the resolution, we will give our views and make you accept it. There is no comment to take.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The Government have already expressed their views yesterday in all matters of legislation and we only carry the instructions.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Responsible Members of the Government should take some enthusiasm and why not the leader of the House take up some responsibility?

Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar.—There is a misunderstanding on this point. By accepting a resolution it does not mean they are bound to act according to it. This is only a recommendation to the Government. They accept it for consideration.

Deputy President.—They are prepared to consider.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Accepting a resolution is the usual procedure.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The procedure must be, when a proposition is brought before the Council, either to accept it or to oppose it. There is no mid-way course as we are neutrals.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—There is a misunderstanding.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—We had other resolutions. There was one party to oppose it. Then we put it to the vote. There were some people who did not vote. That is understandable. Here they are not prepared to vote. That is not understandable.

Deputy President.—Then it may be put to the vote.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The point is, Sir, you cannot put the proposition to the vote unless it is opposed. Here the proposition is not opposed and so you cannot put it to the vote.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What is the use of putting to the vote?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—It is noted down that the resolution was carried unanimously by the House, the Government block not voting.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—You never told us that in the beginning.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I am not to read the report here; the Member can read it in the printed Proceedings.

Deputy President.—There is one more resolution. We have got half an hour more. We shall take it up.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Shall we recommend the purchase of a motor car when we are about to disperse?

Deputy President.—We have got half an hour and we shall take it up. Please come forward with your resolution.

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